



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 4 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2021

We hope that you have had a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to having a wonderful summer term. We hope that this newsletter will help to keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share information with you, we will use the 'text to parents' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you.

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing, speaking and listening. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as 'The Chicken Thief' by Beatrice Rodriguez and 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. These texts will inspire the children and enable them to write in a range of text types such as dialogue, diary entries, narrative, newspaper articles and non-fiction. They will be practising and further developing their writing skills as we learn about King Arthur - linked to our Anglo Saxon thematic topic - and basing some of our literacy work on his legend, through the text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. These writing opportunities will include the use of descriptive language, inference, punctuation, grammar and spelling patterns.

Maths: In Maths this term, we will be continuing our work on fractions and then focusing on mathematical concepts new to the children, such as position and direction in geometry, coordinates and the translation of shapes on grids. We will also study statistics, covering discrete and continuous data, as well as interpreting bar and line graphs. Towards the end of the term, we will be revisiting topics from earlier in the year such as decimals, time and methods of calculation in line with the Pegasus Calculation Policy. Videos to help support your children can be found on the school website. As always, we will be seeking to deepen the children's understanding of these concepts through application and problem solving.

Science: Our science topics this term are Animals including Humans and Electricity. In Animals including Humans, we will learn about teeth and the digestive system in humans and some animals before moving on to food webs including predators, producers and prey. In our topic on Electricity, we will find out all about circuits, switches, conduction and the many uses of electricity.

Thematic: This term our theme is Invaders and Settlers. In history, we will be learning about the time up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066. We will learn about how and why the Anglo Saxons settled in Britain and how this changed life for the people here. In geography, we will be learning about Anglo Saxon settlements, where they were and why they chose these specific places to settle. In Art, children will learn about the Bayeux Tapestry and the designs and art of this time. In DT, we will be making our own Anglo Saxon tablets and swords based on The Legend of King Arthur. We will also be designing our own Anglo Saxon villages. A place of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child is the Museum of London to research the Anglo Saxons (please remember to check government guidelines before you plan any trips).

Trips and events: Providing the roadmap out of lockdown proceeds as planned, provisions for an outside trip during the second half of the summer term will be made. This will either be local trip or using a coach if necessary. Please look out for more information on this once it becomes available.

Sports day has been planned for the following dates:

BRIG - TBC

CYP - Wednesday 23rd June

EPS - TBC

WHJ - Wednesday 30th June

What you can do to help: Please make sure that your child reads every night and sign their reading diary at the end of the week. Regular reading is proven to improve children's learning. Ask them questions about what they've read. Ask them what they think the words mean or what the character might be thinking or feeling. There is no such thing as a night with 'no homework': every night is reading night! Lists of spelling words for each year group are available and children are expected to know these by the end of the year. Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division fact. By the end of Year 4, children are now expected to know their times tables to 12 x 12. Children can play Times Table Rockstars to consolidate/support this learning. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework. Children are expected to earn 1000 points (a bronze certificate) each week but are welcome to earn more! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills.

The Year 4 Team

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